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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Tuesday, 28 April 1953

25X1 PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Messrs. Wisner, Wolf, Kirkpatrick,  
25X1 Helms, [REDACTED], Sheldon [REDACTED]

Mr. Dulles:

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a. Noted the cable [REDACTED]  
respecting the recommendations of [REDACTED] and Counsellor of  
Embassy [REDACTED] that CIA consider employing [REDACTED] a political  
officer who is being released from State due to reduction in force,  
and asked that Messrs. Helms and Sheldon and/or Amory prepare a co-  
ordinated reply.

b. Referred to General Clark's "offer" of \$100,000 for a MIG  
and asked if this had been fully coordinated. General Cabell noted  
that it had in the Pentagon, and Mr. Wisner stated he had been ad-  
vised by Tracy Barnes that in February a cable had been sent to  
CINCPAC regarding this subject and a reply had been received indicating  
that while the matter was under consideration no assistance was required  
from Washington at that time. In response to a query from the  
Director, General Cabell stated when this matter was first discussed  
in the Pentagon it was his understanding that the \$100,000 offer was  
good in Europe as well as the Far East.

c. Stated that during a recent talk with the President, the  
President had expressed concern over the indiscriminate use of con-  
sultants by the several governmental agencies and stated it was his  
desire that the use of consultants be kept to a minimum consistent  
with the performance of the duties of the agencies concerned. Mr.  
Dulles said that the President had particularly mentioned his opposition  
to paying consultants on a standby basis. The Director noted he had  
advised the President that: (1) all consultants employed by this Agency  
were personally approved by him; (2) we did not pay any of them on a  
standby basis, but rather for services rendered as required. Mr. Wolf  
stated that in addition to this, toward the end of each fiscal year  
each office head was queried as to whether it was desirable to retain  
his consultants during the next year. The Director stated that: (1)  
he desired this practice to continue and in those instances where a  
consultant had not been used, the contract for such individuals should  
be terminated; (2) within the bounds of security, letters of appreciation,  
where appropriate, should be sent to those consultants whose services  
have been terminated.

General Cabell:

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a. Asked if consideration had been given to having the Director  
of Training and the Assistant Director for Communications attend the

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General Cabell (Continued):

Deputies' Meetings. The Director noted that he wished to keep the attendance of these meetings to a minimum, however, he would give thought to this suggestion.

Mr. Wisner:

25X1 a. Reported that [ ] had "employed" General Donovan  
25X1 to survey IIA activities in the medium-to-light PW field in Europe.  
25X1 General Donovan plans to leave on or about 9 May and [ ] has  
25X1 invited CIA to designate a representative to accompany Donovan on his  
25X1 inspection trip and collaborate in making joint recommendations. Mr.  
25X1 Wisner said he had countered this offer with a tentative proposal that  
rather than sending a representative, Donovan get in touch with [ ]  
[ ] The Director stated he  
believed our best purposes could be served by allowing a junior officer,  
who would make no commitments, to accompany him, and suggested a  
certain officer who is well known to General Donovan. After some  
further discussion, the Director asked DD/P to furnish him his recom-  
mendations on this suggestion.

25X1 b. Noted that the number of CIA-owned automobiles would surely  
25X1 be raised by Congressman Taber at tomorrow's hearing, and after some  
discussion it was agreed that Colonel White would handle the domestic  
side of this question and Mr. Wisner the overseas.

25X1 c. Referred to the latest cables [ ] regarding  
25X1 [ ] and after some discussion wherein the  
Director agreed with the stand taken [ ] in these cables, Mr.  
25X1 Helms undertook to mention these messages at the Consultants' Meeting  
on Wednesday afternoon.

d. Raised the question of the disposition of the returning U.S.  
POW's, and after some discussion Mr. Helms undertook to determine, in  
coordination with D/DCI, "what was going on in this regard". (NOTE:  
There appear to be conflicting reports on this matter; i.e., these  
POW's will either be sent to Valley Forge Hospital, or to a veterans  
hospital close to their homes.)

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25X1 a. Reported that prior to his departure he had requested an appoint-  
25X1 ment with [ ] to discuss any questions which he [ ]  
25X1 might wish raised with the Director. [ ] said there was a  
25X1 lapse of about four days from the time of his request until he saw  
25X1 [ ] and therefore he believed that the following points raised  
25X1 by him [ ] had been fully staffed: (1) War Planning dealing  
25X1 with CPC -- which need not be discussed at the Deputies' Meeting, but  
25X1 would be taken up at the proper level within the Agency; (2) the Far  
25X1 East Conference. [ ] noted that [ ] had stated it  
might be beneficial to hold this Conference on a service level and  
hoped that Mr. Wisner would head our delegation. The Director said he  
was still somewhat puzzled over this matter and was inclined to believe

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25X1 [redacted] (Continued):

25X1 that until such time as a truce is declared in Korea, or the truce  
25X1 talks are terminated, any discussion [redacted] would be  
25X1 futile and in particular he was just not convinced that anything  
25X1 would be gained in holding these talks at this time. After some  
25X1 discussion the Director stated this matter should be considered  
25X1 by all concerned with a view to giving [redacted] a concrete  
25X1 answer [redacted] either orally or in the form of a  
25X1 letter from the DCI [redacted]

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